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Reservations to human rights treaties

Note by the secretariat

1. At its fifty-first session, the Sub-Commission, in its resolution 1997/27, took note of the working paper on the question of reservations to human rights treaties prepared by Ms. Françoise Hampson pursuant to Sub-Commission decision 1998/113 (E/CN.4/Sub.2/1999/28 and Corr.1) and endorsed the conclusions contained therein, including with regard to the importance of undertaking a full study on the issue of reservations to human rights treaties. The Sub-Commission decided to appoint Ms. Françoise Hampson as Special Rapporteur with the task of preparing a comprehensive study on reservations to human rights treaties based on her working paper, as well as the comments made and discussions that took place at the fifty-first session of the Sub-Commission.

2. In view of the fact that the Commission on Human Rights at its fifty-sixth session decided to request the Sub-Commission to request Ms. Hampson to submit to the Sub-Commission revised terms of reference for her proposed study further clarifying how this study would complement work already under way on reservations to human rights treaties, in particular by the International Law Commission (decision 2000/108), no document has been prepared by Ms. Hampson for the present session of the Sub-Commission.

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